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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6886

BILL NUMBER: SB 455

DATE PREPARED: Dec 19, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Prohibits Hunting near Residences.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill makes it a Class B misdemeanor to hunt in a manner that results in a bullet, an arrow, or another projectile passing within 200 yards of an inhabited residence. The bill also makes hunting on property without the owner's or tenant's permission a Class B misdemeanor (instead of a Class C misdemeanor).

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: Under current law, a person may not fish, hunt, trap, or chase on private land without the permission of the landowner or tenant. The bill would enhance the definition to include knowingly or intentionally taking game or a fur-bearing animal in a manner that results in a bullet, arrow, or other projectile passing less than 200 yards from an inhabited residence and without having the consent of the landowner or tenant. The penalty for the offense would increase from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor.

Revenue to the Common School Fund may increase if a person is sentenced for a Class B misdemeanor, rather than for a Class C misdemeanor. The maximum fine for a Class C misdemeanor is \$500, while the maximum fine for a Class B misdemeanor is \$1,000. Court fees of \$120 would remain unchanged.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Costs to local governments could increase because the maximum term of imprisonment for a Class C misdemeanor is up to 60 days while the maximum term for a Class B misdemeanor is up to 180 days. The average daily cost of housing a prisoner is approximately \$44.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Court fees of \$120 would remain unchanged.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts; local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Indiana Sheriffs Association.